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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SF, WA, UNFC

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PROPOSED BRIEFING MISSION TO WINDHOEK

REF: PRETORIA 4354

1. DEPARTMENT SHARES CONCERN OF EMBASSY PRETORIA OVER
IMPLICATIONS OF WIDESPREAD MISUNDERSTANDING AMONG NAMIBIAN
PARTIES REGARDING CONTACT GROUP POSITION ON WALVIS BAY,
AS INDICATED BY DTA MESSAGE TO THE FIVE.

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2. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT RELATIVELY HIGH
VISIBILITY OF MISSION INVOLVING AMBASSADORIAL PARTICIPATION,
AS PROPOSED REFTTEL, COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH SAG. GIVEN
DELICATE NATURE OF SITUATION PENDING TUESDAY CABINET
SESSION AT WHICH RESULTS OF SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION WILL
BE DISCUSSED, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD DO NOTHING WHICH COULD

RAISE VORSTER'S IRE.

3. CONSEQUENTLY, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU HOLD OFF ON PROPOSED MISSION TO WINDHOEK AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER SAG REACHES DECISION ON HOW IT WILL PROCEED WITH NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT PACKAGE. IN MEANTIME, WE SUGGEST THAT POLCOUNS TAYLOR, WHO WE UNDERSTAND IS ALREADY IN WINDHOEK, MEET WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF INTERNAL NAMIBIAN PARTIES TO SET

THEM STRAIGHT ON CONTACT GROUP POSITION. AS SUGGESTED REFTEL, SECRETARY VANCE'S STATEMENT ON SUBJECT (USUN 3037) SHOULD BE USED TO MAKE CONTACT GROUP POSITION CLEAR. IF POSSIBLE, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR TAYLOR TO BE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

4. IF OTHER MEMBERS OF PRETORIA CONTACT GROUP BALK AT IDEA OF U.S. REP HANDLING THIS TASK WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF OTHERS AND IF IT IS SHARED JUDGMENT OF PRETORIA EMBASSIES THAT MISSION SUCH AS PROPOSED REFTEL WOULD NOT CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH SAG, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF TWO OR THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF FIVE WENT TO WINDHOEK ON MONDAY. PERHAPS BRIEFING THERE, PARTICULARLY TO DTA, COULD HAVE USEFUL IMPACT ON PRETORIA CABINET SESSION.
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